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MAY 14, 2013

Celebrating the Achievements of Foster Youths

“Success Is Our Future” is an annual ceremony that acknowledges and celebrates the academic achievements of foster youths under the supervision of the Probation Department in Los Angeles County. These foster youths are rewarded for their academic accomplishments with an evening of entertainment culminating in the presentation of college scholarships to these youths.

This year, the event will take place at the Almansor Court in Alhambra on May 16, 2013. The awards program began in 1992 by Deputy Probation Officer Daryl Pipkin, and has become a premier event for recognizing foster youths under the supervision of the Probation Department. The program has assisted many youths to not only graduate from college, but pursue post graduate studies as well. This program is in line with the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) because the event increases permanency and self-sufficiency for transition-aged youths by supporting them as they strive to achieve their higher education goals. The

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event will be hosted by the Los Angeles County Probation Department and includes invited guests from the Superior Court, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office. The estimated cost of \$17,500 for the event will be offset by the CWSOIP funds, which will provide for the room rental, food, equipment and related production expenses. The Probation Department requires authorization from the Board of Supervisors because this event exceeds the \$500 per occasion limit on the purchase of food and beverages for official Los Angeles County functions.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to work with the Director of the Internal Services Department to take all necessary actions to pay for the food services and related costs that will enable the Success Is Our Future Awards Banquet to be held at the Almansor Court on May 16, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$17,500, funded by the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project funds.

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